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SUBJ: TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR MODERN PORT MANAGEMENT, OCTOBER
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1. PORT AUTHORITIES IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS EMBOFFS HAVE EXPRESSED CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM FOR PROPOSED PLANS FOR TECHNICAL SEMINAR IN MODERN PORT MANAGEMENT. SCHEDULE FOR LAGOS (REF A) IS ACCEPTABLE TO ACTING GENERAL MANAGER, NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) ALTHOUGH HE RECOMMENDS THAT WE NOT SHORTEN LAGOS FAMILIARIZATION DISCUSSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OCTOBER 18-20 IN ORDER TO MAKE SIDE TRIP PORT HARCOURT. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT NIGERIAN SCHEDULE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 25-26 FOR DISCUSSIONS AND SEMINAR PORT HARCOURT. NPA WOULD BE PREPARED INSURE ATTENDANCE FROM CALABAR AND DELTA PORTS.

2. NPA OFFICIALS HAVE SUGGESTED USE OF LEASED LECTURE HALL FACILITIES IN ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE SPACE IN NPA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OR PORT. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY SEEKING SUITABLE SITE. NPA WILL USE OWN LAUNCH AND BUS FACILITIES TO BRING SEMINAR ATTENDEES TO AND FROM PORT AREA.

3. ACTING GENERAL MANAGER NPA AND DEPUTY PORT MANAGER,
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APAPA/LAGOS, RECOMMEND THAT SEMINAR SESSIONS ON SUB-

JECTS OF INTEREST OPERATING AREA PERSONNEL SHOULD BE
HELD 10:00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M. FOR OCTOBER 22, CONTINU
-ING SAME TIME OCTOBER 23 IF RAGE OF SUBJECTS NOT COV-
ERED. THEY SUGGEST 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 OR LATER FOR
THEMSELVBTGND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRA-
TORS FOR OCTOBER 22 AND POSSIBLE CONTINUATION OCTOBER23.
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER PROPOSES TO MADE ATTENDANCE
COMPULSORY FOR PREARRANGED GROUPS.

4. NPA OFFICIALS URGE EARLY ADVISE, PERHAPS DURING
VISIT OF ADVANCE OFFICER, CONCERNING PRECISE SCHEDULE
AND LISITING OF SUBJECTS IN ORDER THAT NPA STAFF IN
LAGOS AND OTHER PARTS CAN BE INFORMED. EMBASSY TRUSTS
THAT SEMINARS WILL REASONABLE COVER RANGE OF NPA SUG-
GESTED TOPICS (REF LAGOS 4145).

5. HOTEL RESEVATIONS MADE FOR ADVANCE OFFICER SEPT. 2-4
MAINLAND HOTEL. EMBASSY WOULD URGE THAT HE VISIT PORT
HARCOURT IF SEMINAR PROGRAM PLANNED THAT SITE

6. USIS HAS FACILITIES FOR PRINTING TWO-COLOR PROGRAM
COVER AND INSERT; IN VIEW OF WORKLEAD USIS SUGGESTS
THAT PRINTING NEEDS SHOULD PRESENTED EARLY IF DEAD-
LINE ARE TO BE MET (REF B). SEMINAR
PAPERS CAN BE PRODUCED FROM REPRODUCIBLE MATS WHICH WILL
PROBABLY REQUIRE SERVICES OF COMMERCE-HIRED PART-TIME
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